THE *Church of England's* ADDRESS, TO All the Worthy M---rs against the *Hereditary Rights* of Kings and Queens; and to all Other our *Sincere Republican Patrons*, by whatsoever Title dignifi'd or distinguished.

Humbly presented by

The True SONS of the Church of England, CLERGY and LAITY,

Exclusive of Seven singularly *Pious*, and a *Few* Secular Priests and Schismaticks.

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WE the *Sons of the Church of England*, who have, in the worſt of Times, approv'd our ſelves truly Honeſt; and not only profeſs'd, but practis'd Sound and Orthodox Principles towards God and the Proteſtant Religion, as ſettled in the Church of *England*, and now by Law made a Principal and Fundamental Part of our Government and Conſtitution; We, who have always ſhewn our unſhaken Zeal and Fidelity to all *Lawful Princes*, in Juſtification of their *Hereditary Rights*, maugre all Oppoſition whatever; as verily believing, that *by GOD Kings reign and Princes decree Juſtice*; and that *the Powers that are ordain'd, are ordain'd by GOD*, for our *Good*, if we behave our ſelves as we ought, like true and faithful Subjects; if not, for *Evil of Puniſhment*, tho' from GOD alſo, if we prove a Rebellious and a Stiff-necked Generation of People; cannot but highly think our ſelves bound, in Gratitude and a true Senſe of that Eminent Service of late you

have *Involuntarily* done our Mother Church, to return our Hearty Thanks to you in a ſingular and Publick manner; becauſe it was ſuch a Service, we muſt own, that all our Labours and Endeavours, for above forty Years laſt paſt, have not been able ſo *effectually* to bring about, and, as we hope, ſo *firmly* ſettle, as you have done,

We muſt confeſs, and are very ſenſible, that Providence frequently works by OCCULT CAUSES, as Philoſophers ſay, and makes the Curſes of a *Shimei* rebound upon Himſelf; nay, the Conſpiracy of *Joſeph's Falſe-Brethren*, to ſell him into *Egyptian* Slavery, in order to his utter Ruine, turn to his Advantage, and the Preſervation of his whole Family.

Now, *may it pleaſe your HONOURS*, upon the *like account* it is, that We, *True Sons of the Church of England*, humbly preſume, firſt to pay our Addreſſes and Tribute of Praiſe to Almighty God, for your *Glorious Enterpriſes, and the Succeſs* of thoſe Counſels and Deſigns you lately, like ſo many ſubtle *Achitophels*, engag'd in. In the next place, we heartily return Him our unfeigned Thanks, that He was pleas'd to ſuffer ſuch *Inſtruments*, we had almoſt ſaid, Inſignificant Tools of a Party, to be the means of our Deliverance; who when we were, as it were, *Benum'd* and *Stiff*, by reaſon of a general *Coolneſs* in Religion, have,

have, like *Snow*, created a ſudden Warmth in thoſe Members of our Church, which, *deluded by pretended Moderation*, were *Stupid* before, and by a kind of *Antiperiſtaſis*, or the Operation of contrary Qualities, kindled a vigorous Zeal and Ardour in their Hearts.

Now what Gratitude ſufficient, or what Thanks can we return equal to ſo ſignal a Service? all we can ſay, is, that we acknowledge your Favours as far as *Words can expreſs, and as you deſerve*; tho' it is not without very great Concern that we reflect upon this Affair, that the *Neceſſity of our Safety* ſhould require ſuch *mean Inſtruments* of its firm Settlement, yet we cannot but adore the Infinite Goodneſs of Providence, that it was *any ways* effected, and ſo much the more, that it was wholly unforeſeen by Us, how the Almighty *brought Strength out of Weakneſs*; and demonſtrated, that the Wiſdom of ſuch Men was not only Fooliſhneſs in his ſight, but of all the World beſide. Oh! how *Wiſdom is Juſtified of her Children* now!

We have learn'd from a Book call'd the *Holy Bible* (which You ſeem to be Strangers to, with reſpect to your Meaſures of Obedience to Lawful Princes) *That not many Mighty, not many Wiſe*, (Epithets we cannot deny to be juſtly due to your *Honours*) are call'd very oft to manage things above their Capacities and Under-

Understandings, in order to manifest the Power of a Providential Hand; so that when such Men appear to be Instruments of intended Mischief, 'tis *then, and not till then*, we begin to perceive the Hand of Providence to work, whilst we, like *True Israelites, stand still*, and wonder at the secret Springs of an unexpected Deliverance. When we see Men, formerly *zealously devoted to Monarchick Principles* for *Interest-sake*, as they imagine, press earnestly for erecting a *Common-Wealth*, or *making to themselves a King, like other Nations*, by the Power of the *Almighty People*; when we see (to their Shame be it spoken) some *Byass'd Levites*, who are fed daily from the Altar, and whose proper Business it is, as being bound by all the Solemn Tyes and Obligations of Conscience, and Religion to maintain it, grow *Industrious* to throw it down, and ruine that *very Altar* God himself has appropriated them peculiarly to *Support and Defend*; what shall we say then? all Religion must, in the Eyes of Mankind, appear to be but *Quackery of the Priests*, and one *MORE* than we imagine or can find our, the principal Contriver of it, undoubtedly, *One of the wicked Sons of the House of* Eli. But thanks be to the *Great Physician of Souls*, He will, as we hope, ever take care to cure all Maladies that infest his Church, and never leave Her to be abused by Ignorant *Ecclesiastic* Quacks.

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These Things, *May it pleaſe your Honours*, we well weighing with our ſelves, and concluding the late Effects of your *wiſe Attempts* to have been over-rul'd by the *Finger of God*, repeat our Praiſe to him and our Thanks to You, whom He made the *wonderful Engines* of his Operations, for the Benefit of our Church and State. One would hardly believe, that a *Cloud no bigger than the Palm of a Man's Hand*, at firſt ſight, ſhould produce a *mighty Storm*; yet we, from the Authority of the Holy Bible before-mention'd, believe the Matter of Fact to have been true; and ſo much the more *now* are we confirm'd in our Belief, when we ſee rais'd by ſo Few a Number ſuch an *incredible Storm lately* in this our Nation, from ſo ſmall an Original. By ſuch too, whom in the Language of St. *Jude*, we may call, *Clouds without Water*, and which is more wonderful ſtill, *carried about with Winds*, yet as *raging Waves foaming out their own Shame*, to make the Wonder ſtill greater and greater beyond Common Apprehenſion. Now nothing in our Opinion, *may it pleaſe your Honours*, can ſo *adequately* anſwer this *Odd*, this *Myſterious Compoſition* St. *Jude* ſpeaks of, as thoſe *Nice*, *Worthy*, *Elegant* Speeches you were pleas'd to make in Defence of *Monarchy by Republican Principles*.

And foraſmuch as the Safety, by you miraculouſly wrought, is beyond all the Power

of a *bare Vote*, by creating a *Solid*, not *Verbal Union* amongſt us, we laſtly humbly offer up our Prayers to Almighty God, that whenever ſuch Projects or Deſigns ſhall be ſet on Foot again, that he would be graciouſly pleas'd in his Providential Care of our Church and Nation, as at preſent ſettled, to predeſtinate and predetermine *ſuch prudent M——s* againſt *Both*, as your Honours, and *no Wiſer*; Endow'd with ſuch Power of Argumentation and Reaſon, and *no More*; bleſs'd with *ſuch Sincerity* of Mind and Actions, and no *Better*; confirm'd in *ſuch Principles of Religion* in general, and the Proteſtant Religion in particular, *and no Faithfuller*. Then it will be almoſt impoſſible to doubt, but that the preſent Eſtabliſh'd Church and State will find a *Succeſs equal to This*; which that they may ever do, is,

The Hearty Prayer of Us,

First, *Negatively*——

Noſarums.
Nonotwiggins.
Nopetrubians.
Noxons.
Noſaphs.
Nolincs.
Nælians.
No Schiſmaticks.

N. B Theſe *Hebrew* Names ought to have been wrote in their proper Characters, as in the *Jewiſh* Language; but the Printer would put 'em in *Chriſtian Letters*, to make them the eaſier to be read.

But

But Secondly, and *Positively*,

True Sons of the Church of England, according to its Doctrine and Discipline,—

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H,
I, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R,
S, T, U, W, X, Y, Z,
Without a K amongst us.

Given under our Common Seal, from our Convocation House, *July* 1st 1710, *in* Church-street, *at the Bishop's Head.*

To which Address Their Honours condescended to give this Gracious Answer.

IF *We have deserv'd, or indeed any of us, Thanks for serving the* Church, *We must own, it was upon a Principle of* Passive-Obedience, *because We could not help it. What We study* chiefly, *is to Serve God with the* utmost Integrity *of Heart, and Sincerity of Mind, in order to carry Us in due time to Heaven; whither,* when We go, *Gentlemen, We will carry the Tribute of your Praise for the Good Service,* occasionally *of late done to you; and pay it, where* alone *it is justly due; and there perhaps it will be Graciously receiv'd.*

FINIS.